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Rules and Entry Form for the 2009/2010 California Duck Stamp Art Contest

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is conducting a competition to select a design for the 2009/2010 California Duck Stamp. To enter, please read the rules below and complete the entry form and participation agreement.

- Contest is open to U.S. residents who are 18 years of age by March 1, 2009. Employees of the DFG are ineligible.
- Each contestant may submit only one entry. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed and signed Participation Agreement, Entry Form and a non-returnable \$50 entry fee. Money orders and checks should be made payable to "California Wildlife Foundation."
- Any entry which fails to comply with any of the requirements of this competition will be disqualified.
- The primary subject of the 2009/2010 California Duck Stamp design is the northern shoveler. One or more live waterfowl of this species must appear prominently in the design. If background detail is included in the design it must be accurate and representative of a natural habitat in California. Designs will be judged on originality, artistic composition, anatomical accuracy and suitability for reproduction as a stamp and print.
- The design is to be in full color and in the medium (or combination) of the artist's choosing, except that no photographic process, digital art, metallic paints or fluorescent paints may be used in the finished design. Photographs, computer-generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer/mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are not eligible to be entered into the contest and will be disqualified.
- The maximum overall dimensions cannot exceed 15 inches by 20 inches, including mat. The maximum image size must be 13 inches by 18 inches (vertical or horizontal).**
- None of the information printed on a finished duck stamp may appear on the painting or mat.
- No scroll work, lettering or accent borders may appear on the painting or mat.
- The painting must not be framed or under glass. Any acetate or other protective covering used must be lightly fastened to facilitate removal before the judging.
- Any winning design from another stamp contest (federal, state, or private) is not eligible.
- The design must be the contestant's original "hand drawn" creation. The entry design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet.
- There shall be a period of 15 days immediately following the contest judging during which any artist or photographer may make a plagiarism claim against the winning design. In the event any such claim is upheld by the DFG, the first runner-up shall be declared the winning design, subject itself to a 15-day plagiarism claim period.
- The winning artist will be ineligible to compete in the next consecutive (2010/2011) California duck stamp contest.
- The winning artist may be required to make minor changes to his/her design.
- The Artist shall retain the original art work. The DFG shall retain all rights and interest in the image and its use.**
- DFG may produce a limited, numbered Governor's Edition, to be signed by the artist and imprinted with the governor's signature; a limited edition numbered Medallion Edition, to be signed by the artist; and a State Edition, to be signed by the artist. Numbers shall be placed just below and to the left side of image. Signatures shall be placed just below and to the right side of image. Signature and number shall be done in pencil. The winning artist has the option of contracting with the DFG for production, promotion, sales and distribution of these prints. Any contract shall contain terms and conditions of the production, marketing, sales, distribution and artist's royalties of said prints. **Terms and conditions will be negotiated between the winning Artist and DFG.**
- All contestants are advised that it is their responsibility to obtain adequate property insurance for their contest submission. DFG will not insure any contest entry, and DFG assumes no liability for any damage, loss or theft of any entry.
- Entries may be mailed, shipped, or delivered in person to: California Department of Fish and Game, 1807 13th Street, Suite 104, Sacramento, CA 95811. The art should be protectively packaged.
- Entries for the 2009/2010 California Duck Stamp Contest will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. March 1, 2009 through 4:00 p.m., April 30, 2009. All entries must be received by the DFG before 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2009.
- All phases of the judging process will be open for viewing by the general public. The selection of the winning entry will take place as soon as possible after the closing date of the contest but in no event will it be later than May 31 of each year. The exact date, time, and location of the contest will be announced at a reasonable period of time prior to April 30.
- Judging will begin at 1 p.m. on the contest judging date. All entries will be on public display from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Non-placing entries may be claimed immediately after the judging by any artists in attendance. All other non-placing entries not picked up at the DFG's Sacramento office will be returned to the artists **by June 30**.
- The DFG's Office of Education and Outreach will select the judging panel. The judges will have expertise in the fields of ornithology, conservation, art, and printing, and will serve without compensation except reimbursement of expenses. The identification of the members of the judging panel will be announced on the date that the judging takes place.
- The winner, second place, third place, and two honorable mentions will be displayed at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's Wildfowl Art Classic in Sacramento, California on July 11–12, 2009.
- The second place, third place, and honorable mentions will be returned to the artists within 30 days after the Wildfowl Art Classic.

Participation Agreement

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I agree to all of the above-stated terms of the 2009/2010 California Duck Stamp Art Contest.
Enclosed is my \$50 non-returnable entry fee, made payable to "California Wildlife Foundation."

Signature of Artist _____

Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip_____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Entry Form

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Attach this part to the back of your entry, and send your entry and the Participation Agreement to:

California Department of Fish and Game
1807 13th Street, Suite 104
Sacramento CA 95811
Telephone: (322)-8911
Fax: (322)-8989

Artist's Name _____

I am: male _____ female _____ My Date of Birth: _____ / _____
MONTH / YEAR

Address _____

City/State/Zip_____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Email address

Artistic Medium Used